

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The original Employee Pre-Travel Authorization (Form RE-1), **AND**
- ☒ A copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): American Israel Education Foundation

Travel date(s): August 13-20, 2017

Name of accompanying family member (if any): n/a

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$6,381.68	\$2,366.00	\$900.56	\$5,121.97 (Breakdown attached)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): Final Itinerary attached

9/18/17
(Date)

Joel L Brubaker
(Printed name of traveler)

[Signature]
(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

9/18/17
(Date)

[Signature]
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

Entrance fees: \$12.41

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Sunday, August 13, 2017

Monday, August 14, 2017

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

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² The term “any point throughout your trip” has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics’ Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 2.

Enclosure: Travel Checklist

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Chief Counsel and Staff Director

Enclosure: Travel Checklist

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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited ~~Senate~~ ^{ETHIC JUL 14 17PM 12:53} traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

2. Description of the trip: Please see attached

3. Dates of travel: August 13-20, 2017

4. Place of travel: Israel

5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Sen. Shelley Moore Capito & guest, Joel Brubaker, Chief of Staff ^{ETHIC JUL 14 17PM 12:53}

6. I certify that the trip fits one of the following categories:

☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

OR

☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).

7. ☒ I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

AND

☒ I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

8. I certify that:

☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.

AND

☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)

I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

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- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).

OR

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

- 12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:**

AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing, and funding all aspects of this trip.

- 13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:**

AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming about the U.S.-Israel relationship.

- 14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:**

Please see attached.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

Please see attached.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	\$7,568.18 (Senator)	\$1,604 (Senator)	\$966	\$5,882.63 per person
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$6,113.08 (family guest)	\$118.50 additional (family guest)		Breakdown attached

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

b) The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The trip will take place in Israel in order to educate participants about the U.S.-Israel relationship.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

King David Jerusalem, Sheraton Tel Aviv, Scots Tiberias

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Location and affordability

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15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

Please see attached.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	\$6,510.48	\$1,604	\$966	\$6,039.38
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts				Breakdown attached

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20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Location and affordability

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Please see attached

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Participants will fly business class on a commercial airline.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

n/a

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:

Name and Title: Richard Fishman, Executive Director

Name of Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington DC 20001

Telephone Number: (202) 639-5233

Fax Number: n/a

E-mail Address: rfishman@aiefdn.org

American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
August 13-20, 2017

Addendum

2. Description of the Trip

This seminar, which will be on the ground in Israel for six days, is specifically designed to explore foreign policy and defense issues related to the U.S.-Israel relationship. Some of the key issues to be addressed include: the status of Iranian compliance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, and Iran's continued malign regional activities; the impact of Syrian civil war along Israel's northern border; the internal political situations of both Israel and the Palestinian Authority, the status of the peace process; and the expanded cooperation between the U.S. and Israel in fighting terrorism and proliferation.

The seminar will consist of discussions with Israeli government officials, military officers, Members of the Knesset, Palestinian representatives and U.S. officials, as well as site surveys of the northern border with Lebanon and Syria, the southern border with the Gaza Strip, and the security fence. The seminar also aims to provide the political, historic, and religious context to the current conflicts and issues facing Israel and the region. It will explore the connection the three monotheistic religions have with the land and the influence this connection has on today's struggles. In addition to formal meetings and briefings, the trip provides experiential opportunities to help better understand the geographical complications, the security implications, and the historic root causes of the current conflicts.

14/15. Sponsor Information

Founded in 1990, the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) is the charitable organization affiliated with AIPAC, America's pro-Israel lobby. The Foundation's fundamental purpose is to maintain and further the relationship between the U.S. and Israel. AIEF works to inform the public about Israel and the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship, to expand public awareness about issues affecting the Middle East, and to encourage participation in public affairs, especially by young people. AIEF grants support innovative and award-winning programming that educates a wide array of participants, including college students, members of Congress and their staff, and political professionals.

AIEF funds Israel Seminars for members of Congress, Capitol Hill staffers, students, political consultants, as well as religiously motivated pro-Israel Christian, Latino and African American leaders. These trips to Israel are among the most critical programs AIEF supports on behalf of the U.S.-Israel relationship. These educational seminars allow policy makers to understand the complex historical, religious and geographic context of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Participants have the opportunity to meet with Israeli government officials, military officers, members of the Knesset, U.S. government officials, Palestinian Authority officials and leading academics and journalists. For many of the participants, who make important decisions impacting Israel and the Middle East, these trips are their first, and sometimes, only exposure to the country.

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16. Other Expenses

Security: \$2,125 per person

-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

Speaker Fees: \$1,375 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Travel Agency Commission: \$337.50 per person (SINGLE) \$180.75 per person (DOUBLE)

-AIEF pays an upcharge of 21% per room per night, split between our U.S. and Israeli travel vendors

Tour Guide: \$562.50 per person

-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Hotels for contract staff (tour guide, bus driver, security guards): \$412.50 per person

Meals for contract staff and speakers: \$400 per person

Room Rentals: \$375 per person

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Transportation for individualized tour of Syrian/Israel border: \$125.00

Transportation for Contract Staff and Speakers: \$75 per person

Entrance Fees: \$112.50 per person

-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Other: \$62.50 per person

-Briefing materials, miscellaneous

Photography: \$62.50 per person

-On each trip we take a group photo with a professional photographer. A photographer is also present for meetings with dignitaries.

Tips: \$14.38 per person

-It is customary to tip the driver and tour guide that accompany trip participants.\

21. Per Diem

The expenses for lodging and meals are within the international per diems for Israel. The estimate for meal expenses includes the cost for meals, snacks, and water. It does not include alcohol, as we do not pay for alcohol per Senate ethics rules.

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Sunday, August 13, 2017

Monday, August 14, 2017

David Horovitz

9:30-10:00 PM *Welcome to Jerusalem*
Walking Survey of the Old City

Throughout its 4,000 year history, the city of Jerusalem has changed hands many times. As home to the world's three great monotheistic religions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam — Jerusalem is probably the most disputed city in history. Today, the status of Jerusalem remains the most contentious issue in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Jerusalem has been at the heart of all recent Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, from the Oslo Accords to the Camp David Summit to the

Taba negotiations, and in the most recent talks under the auspices of the U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. To understand the current political issues, it is critical to understand Jerusalem's history and the role it has played in shaping the Middle East. This seminar will include site visits to various locations in and around Jerusalem to give participants a first-hand look at the historic significance of the city, as well as its geographic layout.

10:15 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

7:45 AM Breakfast is served
- at the King David Hotel

8:00-9:00 AM *The Jewish Connection to the Land of Israel*
Breakfast with Dr. Einat Wilf
Senior Fellow, Jewish People Policy Institute
Adjunct Fellow, Washington Institute for Near East Policy
- at the King David Hotel

9:15 AM Depart hotel

9:30 AM-12:30 PM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem - Part I:*
The Historic and Holy Basin
Guided Survey of the Old City of Jerusalem
▪ Church of the Holy Sepulcher
▪ City of David
▪ Western Wall

Old City of Jerusalem & the Holy Basin

The Old City of Jerusalem is home to the holiest shrines of the three monotheistic religions, including the Temple Mount, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. During the Camp David II talks, the Palestinians and Israelis differed on the Jerusalem question, namely the Old City, the status of Arab neighborhoods just outside the Old City, and religious sites such as the Temple Mount.

The Holy Basin is the historic location of Jerusalem and refers to the land surrounding the Old City, including the Mount of Olives, which is believed to be the departure point for Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem and where Jews have been burying their dead for 2,500 years. The Holy Basin also includes the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and the Temple Mount (Haram al-Sharif), sacred ground for Jews, Muslims, and Christians. Control over these sensitive areas remains among the largest disputes in the Middle East.

The professionally guided survey will walk through all of these sites and others, educating trip participants on their historical impact and their role in today's political discussions.

The City of David

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has consumed an enormous amount of time and manpower of members of consecutive American Administrations as well as members of Congress. One of the most intractable issues in the conflict has been the question of the future of Jerusalem: Jerusalem's City of David, more than any other site, represents the complexity of this conflict.

The City of David is the site most archeologists agree to be the ancient city of Jerusalem that later became the capital of the united Israelite tribes under King David. This area is one of the most intensively excavated sides in the wider region. To Jewish Israelis, the site represents the beginning of their physical and emotional attachment to Jerusalem that has continued for over three thousand years.

At the same time, much of the site is located in the predominantly Arab neighborhood of Silwan. The residents of Silwan, and the Palestinian Authority leadership are opposed to the archeological efforts being carried out in the City of David. In several instances, homes in Silwan were purchased and then destroyed to open up more areas for excavations. Additionally, Palestinian leadership has denied in their official statements the existence of any Jewish connection to Jerusalem.

12:30 PM Depart

12:45-2:00 PM *The State of Israeli – Palestinian Authority Relations*
Lunch with Dr. Tal Becker
Principal Deputy Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- at Anna

The State of Israeli – Palestinian Authority Relations

Since Israel's founding, the Jewish state has sought to reach a just and lasting solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict. The United States has been closely involved in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. Most recently, in July 2013, Secretary of State John Kerry helped initiate a round of direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. The peace talks conclusively dissolved when the Palestinian political party Fatah signed a unity deal with the terrorist group Hamas.

Dr. Tal Becker is a senior member of the Israeli peace negotiation team, including in the last round of talks mediated by US Secretary of State John Kerry. In this position, he is on the front lines of many of Israel's most pressing diplomatic, legal and policy challenges and is a veteran negotiator, and key behind the scenes representative, for Israel in a wide variety of contexts. During this session, he will address the prospects for peace in the current political climate. He will also discuss the complex challenges that have prevented a final status agreement thus far.

2:00 PM Depart for Yad Vashem

2:30-4:00 PM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*
Wreath Laying Ceremony and Guided Visit
-at Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

Yad Vashem

One cannot understand Israel's position on Iran's nuclear program without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government's threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel's destruction.

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, was established in 1953 by an act of the Israeli Knesset. Since its inception, Yad Vashem has been entrusted with documenting the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period, preserving the memory and story of each of the six million victims, and imparting the legacy of the Holocaust for generations to come through its archives, library, school, museums and recognition of the Righteous Among the Nations. Located on Har Hazikaron (the Mount of Remembrance) in Jerusalem, Yad Vashem is a sprawling complex of museums, exhibits, archives, monuments, sculptures, and memorials.

Every foreign leader that travels to Israel visits Yad Vashem. Yad Vashem has become a symbol of the Jewish people and its transformation from total helplessness to self-reliance and strength. Thus, a visit to Yad Vashem provides a historical context for the Jewish state. The museum's professional docent will guide the group through the main exhibit hall and the children's memorial.

4:00 PM **Return to the hotel**

7:00 PM Depart for dinner

7:15-9:15 PM *Regional Overview*
Dinner with Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Amos Gilad
Immediate past Director, Policy and Political-Military Affairs
The Ministry of Defense
- at the King David Hotel

9:15 PM **Overnight at the King David Hotel**

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

8:15 AM Breakfast is served
- at the King David Hotel

8:30-9:30 AM	<i>A View from the Ambassador's Office</i> Breakfast with the Honorable David Friedman U.S. Ambassador to Israel - at the King David Hotel
9:45-10:45 AM	Meeting with the Honorable Yair Lapid Chairman of the Yesh Atid Party - at the King David Hotel
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Meeting with the Honorable Naftali Bennett Minister of Education, Chairman of the Jewish Home Party - at the King David Hotel
12:00 PM	Depart
12:15-1:30 PM	<i>American Investment in Israel's Energy Independence</i> Lunch with Binyamin (Bini) Zomer Israel Country Manager, Noble Energy - at Angelica

Energy Independence

It has been United States policy since 1973 (the Arab boycott during the Yom Kippur War) to aid the State of Israel in ensuring the country is not cut off from energy sources. Over the years the U.S. has worked with its European allies to help Israel diversify its energy sources. At the same time, the U.S. government encouraged American energy companies to establish working relations with their Israeli counterparts. Yet, due to the continuing Arab boycott, the Americans refrained from investing in Israel for fear of being cut off from much larger Arab markets. Finally, Houston-based Noble Energy decided to partner with Israel's Delek company in exploring areas in the Mediterranean Sea which could potentially hold significant natural gas deposits. Within a few years, significant deposits were found. At present Noble Energy is pumping enough natural gas to supply about a quarter of Israel's energy needs. At the same time, Noble Energy has begun to sell natural gas to Israel's neighbors – Jordan and Egypt – as well as to some European countries, and it expects to recoup its original investment in the next two to three years, while at the same time helping Israel to become energy independent and eventually a natural gas exporter.

1:30 PM	Depart
2:00-3:30 PM	Meeting with the Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu Prime Minister, Israel - at the Prime Minister's Office
3:30 PM	Depart for Tel Aviv

border between Israel and the Gaza Strip, to better comprehend the landscape of the region, as well as the unique challenges faced by this area. The visit to Kibbutz Kfar Azza and meeting with a local resident will be an opportunity to better understand the reality of living just kilometers from Israel's border with Gaza, to learn how almost 15 years of rocket fire has shaped those living in the communities most affected, to discuss the advent of Hamas "terror tunnels" into Israel's border towns and how communities have sought to cope with the threat on their doorstep, both physically and psychologically.

11:30 AM	Depart
12:00-1:00 PM	<i>Confronting Tunnel Warfare</i> Visit the opening of a terror tunnel Israel Defense Forces Briefing

Terror Tunnels

During the 2014 Gaza conflict, Hamas used underground tunnels to terrorize Israel's civilian population. On April 16, 2016, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) discovered a new two-kilometers-long, concrete tunnel from the southern part of the Gaza Strip into Israel, near the border between Israel and Egypt. The discovery was made possible through the use of a new tunnel detection technology. Given the similar threats facing the United States, including on the Korean Peninsula, the U.S.-Mexico border and in various locations in the Middle East, this breakthrough technology holds significant potential for the United States.

1:00 PM	Depart
1:30-2:30 PM	<i>United States-Israel Cooperation in Missile Defense</i> Lunch with Ari Sacher, Systems Development Rafael Advanced Defense Systems -at Space
2:45 PM	Depart
4:15-5:15 PM	<i>Regional Intelligence Assessment</i> Meeting with Maj. Gen. Herzl Halevi Head, Israel Defence Forces Intelligence Directorate - at the Ministry of Defense
5:30 PM	Depart
6:00 PM	Return to the hotel
7:15 PM	Depart for Dinner

7:45-9:45 PM *Start Up Nation: Israeli Innovation and Ingenuity*
Dinner with Israeli entrepreneurs
- at Spoons

Start-Up Nation

Israel is a giant when it comes to innovation: a global leader in R&D spending and Venture Capital investment, and home to global R&D centers for the likes of Google, Apple and IBM. This evening's Start-Up Nation dinner will include a discussion with entrepreneurs representing Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad.

10:00 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

Friday, August 18, 2017

7:30 AM Breakfast on own
- at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

8:00 AM Depart hotel

8:45-9:30 AM *Israel's Narrow Waistline - Strategic Concerns*
Briefing at the Alfei Menashe overlook

Alfei Menashe

Alfei Menashe is a Jewish community located on the western edge of the West Bank. Less than 10 miles from the Mediterranean Sea, Alfei Menashe provides a unique vantage point to discuss Israeli settlement policy, the routing of the security barrier, as well as Israel's narrow waistline.

The sliver of Israeli land west of the West Bank is often referred to as the Hadera-Gadera rectangle, with the city of Hadera denoting the northern point, and the city of Gadera the southern point. The Hadera-Gadera rectangle is home to over 50 percent of Israel's population, as well as civilian infrastructure. The area is also home to Israel's "silicon valley", as well as Ben Gurion international airport.

The discussion at Alfei Menashe will allow participants to see firsthand the proximity of Jewish and Arab neighborhoods in both Israel and the West Bank; as well as the strategic threats faced by the Israeli population living in Israel's narrow waistline.

9:30 AM Depart

9:30-11:30 AM En route briefing:
The Jezreel Valley and the Upper Galilee

The Jezreel Valley

Our tour guide will spend an hour during the drive from Israel's center to the north to provide the delegation a briefing on the Jezreel Valley and the Upper Galilee and the challenges facing these regions of the country.

For thousands of years, the Jezreel Valley served as a land bridge linking Africa, Asia and Europe, and serving as a thoroughfare for ancient caravans and, more frequently, armies. In modern times, during World War I, for example, the British and Turkish forces fought a number of pitched battles in the valley. In 1948, following Israel's establishment, the combined forces of Iraq and Jordan attempted unsuccessfully to capture the valley in order to split the just-born Israel into two parts. In the early 20th century, after decades of neglect, Jewish pioneers drained the swamps in the valley, transforming this region into Israel's "breadbasket" known for wheat, cotton, sunflowers and fish ponds. The Jezreel Valley is also home to historical and biblical sites including Tel Megiddo and Nazareth.

Today it is an important symbol of Israel's complex and diverse political reality. The Jezreel Valley, together with the areas of the Lower and Upper Galilee, is home to the majority of Israel's Arab citizens. A tour of this area provides an opportunity to discuss and learn about Israel's Arab citizens – 20 percent of the population – each of which has full democratic, social and welfare rights, the right to vote and serve in the Knesset, and the opportunity to serve on Israel's Supreme Court. These issues are not widely known and this segment gives trip participants the opportunity to understand Israel's relationship with its largest minority group.

Upper Galilee

The Upper Galilee is home to the largest variety of ethnic communities in Israel including Druze, Circassian, Arab Muslim and Arab Christian villages. The Galilee is also home to ancient Jewish and Christian holy sites that provide additional historical and political context to regional tensions. Just as in the case of the Jezreel Valley, the area illustrates the role of minorities in Israel.

At the same time, the Upper Galilee is home to some of the most prominent industrial hubs. Best known among them is the Tefen Industrial area, home to numerous enterprises established by the region's residents – Jewish and Arab. In 2006, Upper Galilee's ISCAR Metal Working Company was purchased for \$5 billion by Warren Buffet's conglomerate holding company. Since then, a number of American investors have become partners in some of the region's hi-tech and bio-tech companies.

While time does not permit for sites visits, a drive through the region allows for expanding on the importance of the area in the context of the U.S.–Israel relationship.

11:30 AM-12:30 PM *Treating Victims of the Syrian Civil War*
Visit to Ziv Medical Center
- at Safed.

The Ziv Medical Center

The Ziv Medical Center is situated in the heart of Israel's rural northern landscape and provides health care services and treatment for the north's ethnically and religiously diverse population. Since February 2013, Israel has taken in Syrians wounded in the course of the civil war currently being waged in that country. Many are treated at a field hospital on the border, where soldiers and paramedics of the IDF on the Israeli Golan Heights give them initial first aid and life-saving care. The Syrian wounded then either return to Syria, or are taken to an Israeli hospital to receive further treatment. Ziv Hospital is one such hospital, and has treated nearly five hundred victims of the Syrian conflict. At Ziv, the Syrian wounded, including children, civilians and militants alike, are provided with the best possible care from Israeli physicians using state of the art medical equipment. Although Israel and Syria have been in a state of war for decades, the Israeli doctors and staff at Ziv provide humanitarian aid for the wounded without regard for the patients' political or military affiliation. These efforts have been supported by The Israeli Health Department, which has spent well over 5 million dollars treating the wounded.

12:30 PM	Depart
1:30-2:30 PM	<i>Is War in Syria Winding Down?</i> Lunch with Dr. Jonathan Spyer Director, Rubin Center, Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya (IDC) - at Ha'Bokrim
2:30 PM	Depart
2:45-3:45 PM	<i>Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Syria</i> Strategic survey of Israel's border with Syria With Maj. Ilan Shulman - at Ein Zivan
3:45 PM	Depart
4:45 PM	Check into the Scots Hotel
6:45 PM	Depart for Dinner
7:30-9:30 PM	<i>Welcoming the Sabbath on the Golan Heights</i>

The Sabbath in Israel

Israel, the only Jewish country in the world, boasts the unique tradition of honoring the Jewish Sabbath from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown. 80 percent of the Israeli population will commemorate the Sabbath, in various forms, which typically include a family dinner and special blessings.

9:30 PM	Depart for the hotel
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10:00 PM Overnight at the Scots Hotel

Saturday, August 19, 2017

7:45 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel

8:15 AM Depart

8:30-10:15 AM *Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee*
Survey of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee

- Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount
- St. Peter's Church
- Capernaum – Jesus' Village

Christian Sites at the Sea of Galilee

As part of the seminar's focus on the complex religious fabric of Israeli society, the group will be visiting several of the most sacred sites for Christians in the Holy Land. Included is a guided tour and discussion of some of the most important events in the life of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee. Just as strategic tours in Jerusalem focused on Jewish, Muslim, and Christian history and claims to the land, the site visits to the Christian sites help provide context for the competing religious narratives for the land of Israel. For example, we will be visiting the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount, the most studied and read speech of any religion in history. Our guide will also lead discussions through Capernaum and St. Peter's Church.

10:15 AM Depart

10:15-12:30 En Route Briefing:
Jordan: Relations with Israel, and the Growing Refugee Crisis

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The tour guide will spend approximately an hour during the drive through the Jordan Valley to explore several topics related to Israel's eastern neighbor: specifically, Israeli-Jordanian strategic cooperation, as well as the implications of the Syrian civil war on the Kingdom.

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan became the second Arab country after Egypt to recognize Israel when it signed a comprehensive peace agreement that ended nearly five decades of warfare. Shepherded by United States President Bill Clinton, the accord signed on Oct. 6, 1994, marked the onset of a new era of economic, cultural, and political dialogue and cooperation between the two countries.

In recent years, the two countries have worked together to combat the increased threat from terrorism by coordinating their security efforts and preventing infiltrations across their shared border. Today, Jordan hosts over 1.4 million Syrian refugees fleeing civil war. Following our discussion with Israeli soldiers patrolling the Syrian border, our guide will address how the

influx of Syrian refugees and the threats in the region impact Jordan internally; as well as relations and further potential for strategic partnership between Jordan, the United States, and Israel.

12:30 PM Lunch en route

1:30-2:30 PM *Exploration of the Dead Sea Region*
- at Hod Hotel

Dead Sea Region

During our drive to and from the Dead Sea area, as well as during our visit to the Dead Sea, our tour guide will discuss a variety of issues integral to understanding the region, the country, and relations with both the Palestinians and Jordanians.

It is important to note that the region is mostly desert. For decades, Israel has been challenging this arid area and developing its agricultural potential. While the Middle East is suffering from water shortages, Israel, through modern technology and water conservation policies, including the recycling of over 80 percent of water used for domestic purposes and transferring it to agriculture, has literally “made the desert bloom.” Some of this technology is already being shared with Jordan and the Palestinian Authority. All sides realize that a comprehensive regional water policy will ensure food production necessary to satisfy the Middle East’s growing population. For example, in late 2013, the three parties agreed to build a Red Sea-Dead Sea water project to address the shortage of fresh, clean water in the region and the rapid loss of water at the Dead Sea. This highlights the growing importance for Israel and her Arab neighbors to work together on joint environmental projects.

The key regional players also face serious environmental issues in the Dead Sea region. One of the major environmental concerns is the receding of the Dead Sea and the appearance of sinkholes, which cause the earth above to collapse. Roads, fields and buildings have collapsed due to this phenomenon, and experts are concerned the tourist infrastructure along the Jordanian and Israeli shores of the Dead Sea are also in danger. This issue has led to unprecedented cooperation between Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians and serves as a model for regional cooperation.

2:45 PM Depart

4:45 PM Check into King David Hotel

7:30-9:00 PM *The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it all Together*
Closing dinner
- at the King David Hotel

Closing Dinner

The closing dinner provides an opportunity for participants to process the scope of the week, from the religious center of the Judeo-Christian world in Jerusalem, to the bustling economic powerhouse of Tel Aviv; from the conflict plagued northern borders with Syria and Lebanon, to the environmental and geographical wonders of the Negev desert and the Dead Sea. We will process the range of topics explored, including the U.S.-Israel strategic partnership, prospects for Arab-Israeli peace, the experience of minorities in Israel, as well as greater existential threats throughout the region. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their takeaways, and ask any lingering questions that weren't covered throughout the week.

9:00 PM **Depart for the airport**

Sunday, August 20, 2017

12:15 AM **Depart Tel Aviv (entire delegation)**

5:01 AM **Arrive New York/JFK (entire delegation)**

8:10 AM **Depart New York/JFK (Joel Brubaker)**

8:30 AM **Depart New York/JFK (Senator Capito)**

9:44 AM Arrive Washington, DC (Joel Brubaker)

11:04 AM **Arrive Atlanta (Senator Capito)**

12:25 PM Depart Atlanta (Senator Capito)

1:48 PM **Arrive Charleston, WV (Senator Capito)**

Russell, Lauren (Capito)

From: Julie Peretz <jperetz@aiefdn.org>
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 12:25 PM
To: Brubaker, Joel (Capito)
Cc: Russell, Lauren (Capito)
Subject: Please Join Us: AIEF Israel Seminar August 13-20, 2017



AMERICAN ISRAEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

March 3, 2017

Joel Brubaker, Chief of Staff
The Office of the Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
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Dear Joel,

We would like to invite you to join us for an educational seminar in Israel sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF). This trip will depart on Sunday, August 13, 2017 and return on Sunday, August 20, 2017.

The trip will explore critical foreign policy and national security challenges facing both Israel and the United States and how the two countries are cooperating in dealing with these issues. The seminar will include discussions with Israeli government officials, military officers, members of the Knesset, and leading academics and journalists. The program will also include:

- Briefings on the status of Iranian compliance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, and Iran's continued malign regional activities;

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We hope that you will be able to join us on what promises to be a rich, insightful and educational trip. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Peretz at (202) 639-5192.

Richard L. Fishman

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Name of Traveler: Joel Brubaker

Employing Office/Committee: Office of Senator Shelley Moore Capito

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): American Israel Education Foundation, AIEF

Travel date(s): **August 13-20 2017**

Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee.

Destination(s): Israel

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:


As Senator Capito's chief of staff, Joel Brubaker advises the Senator on foreign policy decisions. This trip will help him to learn more about the relationship between Israel and America, and better inform his policy decisions going forward.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): n/a

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

7/14/17
(Date)


(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Senator Shelley Moore Capito hereby authorize Joel Brubaker
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) *(Print Traveler's Name)*

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

(Date)

Shelley Moore Caputo
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)